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SUBJECT: DUTCH INITIATIVE ON TURKEY PROTECTION

REF: (A) PARIS 18498 (B) THE HAGUE 3899

1. AS NOTED IN REF A, DUTCH HAVE BEEN POINTED OUT AS INITIATORS
OF PROCESS WHICH LED TO REVIEW OF TURKEY GATE PRICE ELEMENTS.
BERGMAN, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS FOR MINAG,
WHO SHOULD KNOWN, HAS STEADFASTLY DENIED (REF B) THAT MOVE ON
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TURKEYS WAS DUTCH INITIATIVE AND POINTED TO THE FRENCH ("ASK

YOURSELF WHOSE TURKEY INDUSTRY IS IN TROUBLE*").

2. AT OUR URGING BERGMAN UNDERTOOK TO INVESTIGATE GENEIS OF EC ACTION AND DISCOVERED THAT IT WAS INDEED A DUTCHMAN WHO HAD SUGGESTED THE REVIEW. THAT MAN, HOWEVER, WAS NOT GON OFFICIAL BUT EMPLOYEE OF POULTRY AND EGG PRODUCT BOARD, ONE OF A LARGE CATEGORY OF TECHNICIANS REGULARLY APPEARING IN BRUSSELS AS "EXPERTS". THE WHOLE PROCESS OF REVIEW OF CONVERSION COEFFICIENTS, ETC., APPARENTLY BEGAN WITH THE MAN'S CASUAL STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GATE PRICE ELEMENTS HADN'T BEEN REVIEWED FOR YEARS, AND IT WAS TIME TO LOOK AT THEM. THAT THE MAN'S CONNECTION WITH THE PRODUCT BOARD, AN AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING ALL SEGMENTS OF THE DUTCH POULTRY AND EGG INDUSTRY, GAVE HIM AN AX TO GRIND CANNOT BE DENIED.

3. WE REPORT THIS TO OBSERVE THAT THE EC'S ACTIONS ARE APPARENTLY NOT ALWAYS THE RESULT OF POLICY DECISIONS OF THE EC PER SE NOR OF THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE GON WOULD NOT, AT THIS TIME, HAVE INITIATED ANY ACTION WHICH, AS IN THIS CASE, WOULD HARM U.S. TRADE INTERESTS AND HOPE THAT IT WILL KEEP A TIGHTER REIN ON ITS EXPERTS IN THE FUTURE.

DECON AUG 31, 1975.

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